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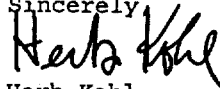
Dear Director:

I am writing to request your assistance in helping a Wisconsin constituent. Enclosed please find a copy of their correspondence.

Any assistance you could provide in responding to these concerns would be greatly appreciated. Please respond directly to my constituent and send a copy to my office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Herb Kohl
U.S. Senator

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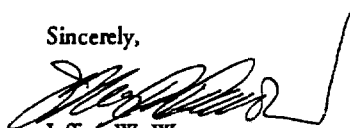
Dear Senator:

I am writing you today on the subject of commercially-available chemical pesticides and insecticides. I believe the public is being misled into the incorrect assumption that these products kill only "harmful" insects and have no effect on beneficial insects, (i.e., pollinating insects or those that serve as wildlife food sources). I am requesting that you do whatever you can to enact legislation requiring the labeling of these chemicals to say, for instance, "THIS PRODUCT KILLS BENEFICIAL INSECTS, INCLUDING BEES, as well as harmful insects. This product is also harmful to other wildlife."

Through the marketing campaigns of chemical companies, products are perceived by an uneducated public as safe and effective for killing garden/lawn pests. Their labels and ads even include lists of specific insects the products will kill, but do not state anywhere that these products are harmful to beneficial insects and other wildlife that feeds on insects. I truly believe that the majority of the American public uses these chemicals due to being completely unaware of the total impact these chemicals have on other creatures and our environment.

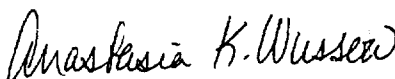
I am not asking for the ban on these chemicals (even though I would like to see that happen), and I am not one for excessive government legislation. However, I do believe that lawn and garden chemical companies misrepresent their products by not disclosing the full truth about how they work. They need to be held accountable to inform consumers about the full effect these products have on all insects and wildlife.

Sincerely,



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